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TAX COLLECTOR TO TAKE OVER LOCAL DRIVER LICENSE OFFICE

~ Customers continue to get licenses and identification cards at the same location ~

LAKE CITY – The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles announces upcoming changes to your local driver license office. The office co-located with the Florida Highway Patrol station at 1350 W. US Highway 90, Suite 103, Lake City, FL 32055, will close its doors as a state-operated office at 5 p.m. on June 25, 2010. Residents will continue to have access to driver license services at the same location, though, because the office will reopen under the direction of the Columbia County Tax Collector, who will begin to offer driver license services when the office reopens June 28, 2010.

“Closing the Lake City office is part of a consolidation effort with county tax collectors statewide,” said Columbia County Tax Collector Ronnie Brannon. “The move will help centralize motorist services to save taxpayer dollars and enhance customer service by offering a one-stop shop. This is a solid partnership between the state and local government that benefits the taxpayers.”

“We appreciate the growing partnership we share with Columbia County Tax Collector Ronnie Brannon,” said Division of Driver Licenses Director Sandra Lambert. “His willingness to offer driver license services will ensure that customers continue to receive driver license services at a convenient location.”

Florida now requires additional documents to obtain a new or renewed driver license or identification card. Prepare for your next visit by bringing documents to show proof of 1) identification, 2) Social Security number and 3) residential address (two items). Customers who have legally changed their names must bring additional documentation. To find out exactly what you need to bring with you, visit www.GatherGoGet.com. In addition to cash and personal checks, the Department accepts the following credit cards: MasterCard, American Express and Discover Card.

When possible, the Department encourages customers to skip the trip and renew their driver license online at www.flhsmv.gov, where they can access various online services. In addition to renewing your driver license, customers can renew identification cards and vehicle tags, as well as change their address all from the comfort of their home or office. There are no surcharges for using the Internet. If a customer has received notification from the Department that he/she will have to come into an office, he/she can make an appointment at www.flhsmv.gov/oasis. The online appointment service is an excellent time saving tool.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit www.flhsmv.gov.

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